

# Pastor's Message

## Paul's Conversion

There is no doubt that Paul's encounter with the Risen Christ was the most profound turning point of his life. In the *Acts of the Apostles*, Luke describes Paul's experience on the road to Damascus in dramatic terms: knocked from his horse by a blinding light, the voice of the Risen Christ challenging him for persecuting his followers, Paul's temporary blindness healed by Ananias in Damascus, and the subsequent commissioning of Paul in a vision of the Risen Christ (see Acts 9:3-19; 22:6-16; 26:12-18).

Paul's references to this experience in his letters are very succinct and subtle and each time appear only when he is provoked by opponents who challenge his credentials as an apostle. In 1 Corinthians 15:8-10 Paul lists his own experience of a vision of the Risen Christ with the appearances to the other apostles, but poignantly calls himself the "least of the apostles" and one born "untimely", because of his former persecution of the church. In a beautiful passage in the *Letter to the Galatians*, Paul refers to his inaugural experience as a "call" from God: "But when God who from my mother's womb had set me apart and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him to the Gentiles?" (Galatians 1:15-16). Here Paul echoes passages in the Old Testament that describe the call of Isaiah to the nations (see Isaiah 49:1-6) and the call of the prophet Jeremiah (1:4-7).

Paul's experience of the Crucified and Risen Christ turned his life around and gave him new purpose: from now on he understood himself as called by God to bring the good news of salvation to the Gentiles, a mission to which he would commit all of his energy for the rest of his life. It was the paradox of the cross, the overwhelming realization God was redeeming the world through Jesus, a Crucified Messiah, that compelled Paul to rethink so much of his understanding of God and the destiny of humanity. Surely not all of the implications of this were apparent to Paul at the moment of his first encounter with Christ, but as his mission unfolded and as he encountered other Christians and the tradition they handed on, Paul began to tease out the full meaning of this astounding fact and express it in his letters.

A dramatic, life-changing moment of conversion on the road to Damascus according to the *Acts of the Apostles* or, as in Paul's own testimony, was a profound call from God that began mysteriously even before Paul was born and would be played out over a lifetime. The New Testament portrays both scenarios in the case of Paul. In both cases it is clear that Paul's encounter with Jesus Christ was the decisive force that changed his life forever and led him to rethink his view of the world and to discover his own vocation.

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**Discussion Point:** Paul's experience invites us to think of our own call and our ongoing journey of faith, one that may have begun in the faith of our family and may have been shaped by "conversion moments" along the way. The key question is, "Where is my faith in Jesus leading me and what is my mission in life"



Saint Anne Preschool  
OPEN HOUSE  
Wednesday, February 1, 2012

✠Rest In Peace✠  
Peggy Murphy

## Mass Intentions

Monday, January 23	9:00 a.m.	Ann Guerra (Melina Roda)
Tuesday, January 24	9:00 a.m.	Frank Rieker (Ralph and Lucy Fegley)
Wednesday, January 25	9:00 a.m.	Ralph Ramsay (John, Melanie, Halina Dorofee)
Thursday, January 26	9:00 a.m.	Stan Allison (Dee Allison)
Friday, January 27	9:00 a.m.	George Parkinson, Sr. (Ester and Sheena Parkinson)
Saturday, January 28	4:00 p.m.	Francis Donohue, Jr. (Mary Harvey)
Saturday, January 28	5:30 p.m.	People of Parish
Sunday, January 29	7:30 a.m.	Special Intentions
Sunday, January 29	9:00 a.m.	Devon Alexandria Hyes (Sally O'Reilly and Cornelius Lane)
Sunday, January 29	11:00 a.m.	Francis Fabish (Bill and Pam Allison)
Sunday, January 29	5:30 p.m.	Carmen Liambiase (Erik and Rosina Bogda and Family)

### Bazaar News

Begins February 7, 2012  
9:30 a.m. to Noon

### Pro-Life Mass –kickoff for the Annual March for Life Bishop Joseph P. McFadden



celebrant and homilist on  
**January 22, 2012 at 12:15 pm**  
at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick,

212 State St., Harrisburg, PA.

at 12:15pm... All are welcome!

**St. Anne-Neumann Seniors** will hold their January Meeting on Tuesday, Jan 24, 2012 at 1:00 PM at the Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA. Open to all Seniors. Sue Bishop with "All In One Tours" will Highlight Trips for 2012. Food Donations will be collected for the Lancaster County Food Bank.

Light refreshments will be served

### IN YOUR PRAYERS REMEMBER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH ESPECIALLY

*Helen White, Ron Hess, Larry Sills, Joseph Fallan, Fannie Troccoli, Jim Burbrink, Vivian Garrett, Lauren Amanda Campbell, Betty Flick, Peg Mc Geown, Mary Lou Joseph, John Scheuerman, Jr., Barbara Sinopoli, Kitty O'Neill, Dolores Hess, George Kandra, Char Opdenaker, Antonio Ciro, Nancy Rybicki, Kathleen Wolff, Sarah Kita, Ray Blossick, Marguerite Erker, Dennis DeVorchik Logan Andrew Bomgardner, Rose Fronczak, Anthony Auriti, Pat Russoniello, Giovina Bradley, Margaret Krupf, Diane Grove, Reggie Eggerstadt, Diane Grabowski, Michael Lavery, Gary Umstead, Jerome Gbur, Elizabeth Duschl and all those in the Prayer Circle.*

**Sick and Shut Ins** Please notify the Parish Office, 569-8531 if you have a loved one from the parish who is in need of our prayers and would like their name placed in the bulletin. Please notify the Parish Office 569-8531, when you enter the hospital. Also, call if you desire weekly or monthly Communion brought to you in your home. or if you know of someone who does.

## Sunday Collection

2011		2012
January 16, 2011		<b>January 15, 2012</b>
\$16,741.79	<i>Amount Received</i>	\$24,758.75
2038	<i>Attendance</i>	<b>2029</b>
556	<i>Envelope</i>	<b>595</b>

### JANUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Youth Ministry Soup Sales After All Masses  Religious Education  Confirmation Faith Formation	Religious Education  Confirmation Faith Formation	Religious Education  Confirmation Faith Formation	Religious Education  Daybreak/ 7 p.m./ Rm 9	SAS Spirituality Committee/ 7 p.m. / Room 11		Blood Pressure Checks after Mass  Sixth Grade Retreat/ 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

## PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY Presents the following...

### GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP COMFORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THOSE LEFT BEHIND

...healing does not mean forgetting, and ...moving on with your life does not mean that we don't take a part of our lost loved ones with us. Adolfo Quezaka

**Begins February 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM -11:30 AM in room 11 at SJN**

The Grief share Program has been designed by some of the nation's foremost experts in the field of grief and healing. During this 12 session series you will meet these people on the DVD's. They will guide you in your recovery and healing.

They include:

Psychologists, Theologians, Grief Therapists,  
Christian Authors, Counselors, Family Therapists,  
Mental Health Clinicians and real life stories of people like yourself who have been through the loss of a loved one.

This FREE program is an opportunity to experience exceptional help toward your healing. We plan to meet approximately 2x's each month. You may register for this program by contacting Eleanor or Marilyn, the parish nurses, at 569-8531 ext. 229. In order that we will have enough workbooks for everyone, **registration is required.**

If you have any questions or comments, please call the PHM office at 569-8531.

#### Helping Parents Heal

A 10 week support group program to help parents who have been rejected by their adult children. Based on the principals of the *When Parents Hurt*, by Dr. Joshua Coleman.

Sessions will be held in Room 11 at 7 p.m. on:

**January 31**

**February 7, February 14, February 21**

**March 6, March 13**

**April 10, April 17, April 24**

**May 1**

Contact person: Marcie McCarthy at  
marciemccarthy@comcast.net or  
the Parish Nurse, Eleanor Nuffort at 569-8531 ext.  
229. Please see Parish website for more information.

#### LANCASTER AREA CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP MEEETING

**DATE:** January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 (Saturday)

**TIME:** 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** CALVARY CHURCH  
Landis Valley Rd, Lancaster, Pa

**SPEAKER:** Sister Jeanne Crowe

**SUBJECT:** Gluten in Pharmaceuticals

Please join us. No charge and no reservations needed. Vendors will be available with gluten free food to sample and sell. All are welcome.

There will also be time for questions and open discussion.

For More Information: Call Susan : 392-6971

Janet: 299-1824

Information: [www.lancasterareaceliacs.org](http://www.lancasterareaceliacs.org)

“As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13: 34-35

#### January – Radon Awareness Month

Have you heard about Radon and the importance of having your home tested for it's presence in your home? What is Radon? It is a cancer-causing radioactive gas that is naturally occurring in the earth's environment. It is released in rock, soil and water from natural decay of uranium. While levels in the outdoor air pose a relatively low threat to our health, radon in our homes and other buildings can accumulate to dangerous levels.

You can not see, smell, or taste it but, if it is present and elevated to dangerously high levels, it may be affecting your family's health. Exposure to radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. and the number one cause of lung cancer among non-smokers.

Radon is found all over the U.S. and is elevated in homes in every state. High levels of Radon usually enter the home from the surrounding soil by coming in through cracks and openings – such as sump pump lids and plumbing features on the lower levels of your home. The most common spots of entry include basements, first-floor rooms and garages. While one home may have a low level of radon, the neighbor's home may have a seriously elevated level of radon. The only way to know for sure if your home is under the EPA action level of 4 pCi/L is to test your home. You can obtain a Radon test kit at your local home improvement or hardware store. Please consider testing your home if you haven't already done so. Your life may depend on it.

Eleanor Nuffort – Parish Nurse

# Saint Anne School

## Catholic Schools Week 2012

January 30 – February 3, 2012

“Catholic Schools – Faith. Academics. Service.”

### Monday, 1/30/12

*Parent/Guardian Appreciation – School Spirit (Red/White) with Crazy Hair/Hat Day*

Alliance Competitions at LCHS from 9:00-12:00

Math Challenge 24 – 10 participants (2 each from grades 4-8)

Scrabble – 10 participants (2 each from grades 4-8)

Faith Bee – 5 participants (1 each from grades 4-8)

Physical Challenge – 10 participants (One boy and one girl each from grades 4-8)

Quiz Bowl – 4 participants (two girls and two boys from any grade 6-8)

Pizza for lunch with parents/guardians (RSVP to office by January 25)

Meal includes pizza, drink and ice cream

Price is \$3.50 for 1 slice and \$4.50 for 2 slices

Thank you cards to parents (Teachers responsible)

Bingo 1:30-2:00

PTO to provide gifts afterward

Pep Rally 2:00

### Tuesday, 1/31/12

*Academics Day – Uniform Dress Day*

Open House and Registration 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Student Ambassadors and parents to guide

PTO to provide refreshments

Science Fair

Judging in the a.m.

Senator Smucker to attend in p.m.

### Wednesday, 2/1/12 (Early Dismissal)

*Service Day – Pajama Dress Day*

Line the gym floor food drive.

Radio station on-site (TBD)

Breakfast for lunch

Ice Cream Sundaes for lunch (PTO to provide)

Pre-K Open House 6:30-8:00 p.m.

### Thursday, 2/2/12

*Faith Day – Twin/Multiplicity Dress Day*

Mass at 8:30 (Msgr. Youtz to celebrate)

Faith-based Teacher Swap after mass.

Adoration at 1:00 (Father Hohenwarter to celebrate)

Dr. Kennedy/Mr. Traphagen to sleep on roof (if food drive challenge is met)

### Friday, 2/3/12

*Teacher Appreciation Day – PE shorts with shirts by class color*

Donuts with Dad (7:00?)

Father Hohenwarter to bless throats, by class (TBD)

Lunch for teachers 11:30-1:00 p.m.

PTO to provide lunch and teacher coverage

Cards for teachers made during teacher lunch

Teachers vs. Students Activities – 1:10 in the gym

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### High School Youth Meeting

**Sunday, January 22**

10:15 a.m.

(24 Hour Food Famine Leadership Team)

Help to prepare for this wonderful cause.

**Kairos X**

**(High School)**

February 23-26, 2012

Eleventh and Twelfth Grade Students

Cost: \$160.00

Look for your application in the mail.

**AGAPE 7**

**(High School)**

March 23-25, 2012

Ninth and Tenth Grade Students  
Join us as we come to understand God in our life. We have fun, fellowship and faith all rolled into a weekend.

Cost: \$125.00

Look for your application in the mail.

Confirmation

**Jr. High 6th—8th grade**

Retreats

Look for a mailing on your grade retreats.

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Sixth Grade: **Saturday, January 28, 2012**

9 a.m.

We will be visiting the retired Sisters Saint Joseph Villa (Reading)  
We will be learning about the **Spiritual Works of Mercy.**

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**Eighth Grade**

**Sunday, January 29, 2012**

**Bowling Night**

6:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Cost: 7.00

Look for permission slip and cost in the mail.

We need parent chaperones.

Meet at Dutch Lanes.  
Shoe rental, two games, one soda and one slice of pizza.

2012 ONGOING  
**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

*St. John Neumann and St. James parishes are pleased to continue our collaboration on the Great Adventure Bible Series in 2012 with...*

**James: Pearls for Wise Living**  
**Thursday mornings 9:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. and evenings 6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.,**  
**January 19 to March 22 at St. James, Lititz**

James is one of the most practical books of the Bible. Like the Book of the Proverbs, it is a book of wisdom, a collection of teachings on issues faced by ordinary Christians in everyday life. These teachings speak loudly to all those who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and their faith.

This study offers “pearls of wise living” by applying the wisdom of James to the present day. For anyone who has struggled to live a truly Christian life, James offers a wealth of practical solutions for handling and even sanctifying everyday circumstances.

Morning sessions include continental breakfast; evening sessions dessert and coffee. Participants may move between morning and evening as fits their schedules. A donation of \$10 is requested to cover the cost of the workbook for all those able to contribute.

Contact Barbara Goss at [bgosshome@aol.com](mailto:bgosshome@aol.com) or 569-6331 or Rose Barnas at [rbarnas@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:rbarnas@hbgdiocese.org) or 626-0244 ext. 1 to register. Please include name, phone number, and choice of a.m., p.m. or mixed.

**SJN Parish Renewal:**

**Good News for Christians**

**Monday, March 19 through Wednesday, March 21**

This year's Renewal will feature Fr. Joe Currie, SJ Director of the Jesuit Spirituality Center in Wernersville and former professor of theology at Georgetown, Loyola, New Orleans, and Fordham Universities. Watch the bulletin for further details in February.

***I wonder, I believe ...***

**a series of forums on the Catholic Faith.**

Sunday Evenings of the Easter Season:

April 15 to May 6

Our sixth series of faith forums during the Sundays of the Easter Season will feature selections from Fr. Robert Barron's ground breaking series CATHOLICISM. Watch the bulletins in March for details.

**Angela's Corner**  
**Giving Card**

Year-to-Date Sales \$60,280  
Year-to-Date Earned \$ 3,196.65

For a New Year's resolution, try using this ministry to purchase gift cards for all local grocery stores. This costs you nothing and earns your church initiatives 5%!  
See volunteer at desk outside the library for details